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1. THIRD COMMITTEE COMPLETED ACTION DEC 10 ON THE DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM. PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE RESO-
LUTION THE COMMITTEE COMMENDED A DISCUSSION OF THE
FRENCH AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.3/31/L.58.
THE BYELORUSSIANS, SPONSORS OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT AS
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.3/31/L.55, ANNOUNCED THAT THEY
COULD ACCEPT AMENDMENT NO. 3 WITHOUT CHANGE AND THEY
SUGGESTED FRANCE WITHDRAW THE OTHER AMENDMENT. THE
FRENCH INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD PREFER AN
IMMEDIATE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENTS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE
COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE WORDING OF AMENDMENT NO. 2
WHICH WAS REVISED AS FOLLOWS: "EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN
AT THE FACT THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVE-
MENTS MAY BE USED TO THE DETRIMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN
RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON,
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND SOCIAL PROGRESS,".

2. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE BYELORUSSIAN DELEGATE
AND FOR REASONS WHICH ARE A COMPLETE MYSTERY, THEY
SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN THE AMENDMENT IN PARA
4. IN PLACE OF THE PHRASE "AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
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SPIRIT OF THE DECLARATION OF TEHERAN" INSERT THE PHRASE

"AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF TEHERAN". AS THIS BYELORUSSIAN AMENDMENT CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENS THE AMENDMENT FROM THE WESTERN POINT OF VIEW, THE FRENCH GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE CHANGED WORDING. THE COMMITTEE THEN PROCEEDED TO VOTE ON THE OTHER AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT NO. 1--APPROVED 81-2-24

AMENDMENT NO. 2--81-0-23

AMENDMENTS NOS. 3 AND 4--ACCEPTED WITHOUT VOTE.

THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS APPROVED 102-0-7(US). OTHERS ABSTAINING WERE NETHERLANDS, UK, BELGIUM, ISRAEL, ITALY, FRG.

5. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AFTER THE VOTE THE DELEGATES OF BELGIUM, UK AND ITALY EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE WAS STILL UNBALANCED AND THAT THE DECLARATION ON THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS WAS NOT A SATISFACTORY BASIS FOR ALL FUTURE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT. THE US EXPLANATION OF VOTE WAS DELIVERED AS PER INSTRUCTION IN REFTEL. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT OVER HALF OF THE EC-9 PREFERRED TO ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE EVEN WITH ADOPTION OF THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS, US DEL DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE EC-9 MAJORITY AS INDICATED IN PARA 1 REFTEL.
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